

HCS HB 1158 -- CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTS (Franklin)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Children and Families

The bill specifies that information contained in certain child abuse and neglect investigative reports shall be retained by the Children's Division of the Department of Social Services. In instances where the division has been unable to determine the identity of the perpetrator, the child's parents and legal guardian must be notified that the division shall retain, utilize, and disclose all information and findings as provided in family assessment and services cases.

The bill also allows the division to reopen a case for review if new, specific, and credible evidence is obtained.